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Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 30th plenary meeting, on 22 October 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 164 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/62/602.

3. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 48th and 51st meetings, on 4 and 13 June 2008. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.48 and 51).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/62/804);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/781/Add.15).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.52

5. At its 51st meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Re, ublic and Chad" (A/C.5/62/L.52), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Switzerland.

6. Before the consideration of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the text as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, after the date "30 June 2006", the word "and" was added and the phrase "and 62/___ of ___ June 2008" was deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 12, after "60/266", the word "and" was added and the phrase "and 62/___" was deleted;

(c) In operative paragraph 16, the figure 70,262,312 was deleted;

(d) In operative paragraph 18, the figures 230,861,888 and 25,093,683 were deleted.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.52, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007, by which the Council approved the establishment in Chad and the Central African Republic, in consultation with the authorities of Chad and the Central African Republic, of a multidimensional presence and decided that the multidimensional presence should include, for a period of one year, a United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad,

Recalling also its resolution 62/233 of 22 December 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals, in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad as at 30 April 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 45 million United States dollars, representing some 25 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every

[1] A/62/804.

[2] A/62/781/Add.15.

possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and encourages the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad and other United Nations missions in the region to continue where possible their efforts to achieve greater synergy, while bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in future budget submissions details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration among all United Nations actors active in the relevant mission area;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 315,083,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of

301,124,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 12,168,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,790,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 73,519,456 dollars for the period from 1 July to 24 September 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 1,742,182 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,436,352 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 272,838 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 32,992 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 241,563,944 dollars for the period from 25 September 2008 to 30 June 2009 at a monthly rate of 26,256,950 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 5,724,318 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,719,448 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 896,462 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 108,408 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad".